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MEMORANDUM FOR Air Assault Course (AAC) Students

SUBJECT: Army National Guard (ARNG) AAC Student Memorandum of Instruction (MOI).

1. References:

- a. AR 40-501, Standards of Medical Fitness, 29 MAY 2007(\*RAR 303, 08/04/2011).
- b. ATRRS (Army Training Requirements and Resources System) course catalog, established by AR 350-10 under direction of the HQDA, DCS, G-1.
- c. Air Assault Program of Instruction (POI), Headquarters USAIC, G3/Directorate of Operations and Training: ATSH-OTT, 28 JAN 2009.
- d. Air Assault Course Management Plan (CMP), United States Army Infantry School: ATSH-OTQ, JAN 2012.

2. Purpose:

- a. To provide AAC students and sponsoring commands information about the ARNG AAC. This MOI includes student prerequisites, enrollment procedures, and a course overview and lists the required documentation for in-processing. Annexes to this MOI include packing lists and reporting instructions/location.
- b. The purpose of the ARNG AAC is to provide students the skills and knowledge required to be competent in the conduct of combat air assault operations. Upon successful completion of the course students are awarded the Air Assault Badge and Additional Skill Identifier (ASI) 2B.

3. General:

- a. The Warrior Training Center Commander is the course convening authority.
- b. During the AAC all Soldiers in attendance are considered students and will be referred to as students throughout this MOI and the conduct of the course.
- c. Students will be assigned a roster number. This number will be used to account for and track student progress.

4. Course Prerequisites / Enrollment:

a. Commanders should consult the above listed references in paragraphs 1a. and 1b. to determine if a Soldier is eligible. Additionally, given the rigorous nature of this course, commanders are encouraged to select only highly motivated Soldiers who are in superb physical condition for attendance to the AAC.

b. AAC is open to all Soldiers; AAC is a branch/MOS immaterial course.

c. Unit commanders must use the Army Training Requirements and Resources System (ATRRS) when scheduling a Soldier to attend the AAC. The school code for AAC is 964A, course number 071-SI/ASI2b, school year FY XX, and the course title is Air Assault.

d. Commanders must screen prospective students for the following medical considerations:

(1) Students over 40 must be medically screened ICW AR 40-501, Standards for Medical Fitness.

(2) Students must not have a temporary or permanent profile except for shaving or corrected hearing.

(3) Students may not wear corrective lenses of any type while attending the AAC. Only standard military, or appropriate civilian type glasses with a black (no logo) elastic retainer band are authorized.

5. Air Assault Course (AAC) overview. The AAC is twelve days in duration consisting of an in-processing day, zero day, and ten days of AAC instruction. The AAC is conducted in three phases: Combat Assault Operations, Sling Load Operations, and Rappelling. The AAC culminates with students conducting a 12-mile foot march to be completed within three (3) hours or less with a complete pre-designated packing list.

a. In-Processing Day. During In-processing Day students will arrive and in-process into the course NET 0900 and NLT 1800 hours that day. In-processing uniform is the Army IPFU. All students must meet height and weight requirements the day of in-processing. Failure to meet the height and weight standards IAW AR 600-9 will result in the soldier being denied enrollment into the course.

(1) Students are required to bring the following documentation with them on in-processing day in order to enroll / attend the ARNG AAC:

(a) WTC Form 100

(b) Valid proof of medical qualification. Soldiers can locate proof of medical evaluation by visiting [www.us.army.mil](http://www.us.army.mil) (AKO) and clicking on Medical Information, then clicking on the IMR (Individual Medical Record) report. This will show the Soldier's medical history. The Soldier must verify that they have a PHA within 1 year of attending the AAC or if over 40 years old a physical within 1 year.

(c) Three copies of student orders (Service School Worksheets may be submitted in lieu of orders for resident Ft. Benning students ONLY).

(d) DA Form 705

b. Zero Day. During zero day students will be evaluated on their physical and mental stamina by conducting a two mile run and an obstacle course.

(1) Uniform/packing list inspection.

(2) Receiving a "Go" for the obstacle course consists of successfully negotiating 8 of 9 obstacles. There are two mandatory obstacles: the "Tough One" and the "Confidence Climb". These obstacles are labeled mandatory because the student must successfully negotiate them in order to receive a "Go" for the obstacle course event.

(3) All students must complete a two mile run in less than 18 minutes or wearing ACUs and running shoes.

(4) Upon successful completion of all zero day events and administrative in processing, students will be admitted into the AAC. Those students who fail to meet the standards for any event or portion of an event will result in the Soldier not being admitted into the AAC and returned to their respective unit/command.

c. Phase I, Air Assault Operations:

(1) During this phase of the AAC students receive instruction on the various aspects of combat air assault. This includes; aircraft orientation, aircraft safety, aero-medical evacuation, pathfinder operations, combat assault and hand and arm signals.

(2) Students will be administered and must pass two tests during this phase; a written test and a performance oriented, hand and arm signal test. Students may re-test each exam one time.

(a) Written test consists of 50 multiple choice questions. Students must score 70% or better to pass this test.

(b) Hand and arm signals, students must successfully perform at least seven of the ten hand and arm signals.

(3) Students must complete a 6 mile foot march with prescribed equipment weighing between 35-40 pounds (see packing list attachment) in 90 minutes or less and keep a 15 minute mile pace. At the conclusion of the foot march, the students' uniform and equipment will be inspected. Students who fail to meet the time standard will receive a "NO-GO" for the event and will be dropped from the course. Students who fail to adhere to the prescribed packing list will receive a negative spot report for the 6 mile foot march event.

d. Phase II, Sling Load Operations:

(1) During this phase students receive instruction on preparing, rigging, and inspecting various military slingloads to include the M998 HMMWV, fuel/water blivets, cargo nets, A22 cargo bag, M149 series water trailer and the M1102 Cargo Trailer.

(2) Students will be administered and must pass two tests during this phase; a written test and a performance oriented, hands-on test. Students may re-test each exam one time.

(a) Written test consists of 50 multiple choice questions. Students must score 70% or better to pass this test.

(b) Hands-on test, students will inspect four of six sling loads and must identify three out of four deficiencies on each load in two minutes or less per load in order to pass.

e. Phase III, Rappelling Phase:

(1) During this phase students receive instruction on tying a rappel seat, hook-up techniques, lock-in procedures, belay procedures, and rappelling. Students will conduct multiple rappels from a rappel tower and from U.S. Army rotary wing aircraft (if aircraft is available). Students must complete the following for this phase of the course and may re-test each event only one time:

(a) Tie a hip rappel seat in 90 seconds or less with no deficiencies.

(b) Hook-up to a rappel rope in 15 seconds or less.

(c) Conduct three evaluated rappels:

1. Rappel without equipment executing three breaks.

2. Rappel without equipment executing a lock-in.

3. Rappel with semi-combat equipment executing three breaks.

f. 12 Mile Foot March.

(1) Students must complete a 12 mile foot march with prescribed equipment weighing between 35-40 pounds (see packing list attachment) in three hours or less and keep a 15 minute mile pace. At the conclusion of the foot march, the students' uniform and equipment will be inspected. Students who fail to meet the time standard or adhere to the prescribed packing list will receive a NO-GO for the 12 mile foot march event.

g. Standards of conduct.

(1) Students will be required to perform in various roles as part of the student chain of command. Military custom and courtesy, physical fitness, and military appearance and bearing are stressed and reinforced throughout the course.

(2) All students will meet the Army appearance and inspection standards. Hair will be maintained IAW AR 670-1. Females will not use metal, plastic pins, or barrettes to secure their hair. Only soft securing devices will be used or a hairnet. Additionally, males will adhere to the standards of AR 670-1 regarding facial hair. Females will not wear cosmetics in the training area during duty hours. Male and female students will ensure that fingernails will be trim and not exceeding the fingertips. The AAC NCOIC will determine whether any items, haircuts, or other devices are faddish.

(3) The course convening authority may release Soldiers for the following reasons:

(a) Failing a re-test in any phase of the course.

(b) Lack of motivation (Students who request to not complete the AAC).

(c) Medical drop. Students who are injured and receive an LOD or who are evacuated to a treatment facility for an injury requiring an absence from training in excess of one hour will be dropped from the course.

(d) Missing one hour of training.

(e) Failure to meet the overall time standard or pace per mile standard of any foot march, or missing any equipment on the 12 mile foot march.

(f) Serious Observation Report (SOR). Students who commit an honor violation, are disrespectful to cadre or students, disobey cadre, or commit a major safety violation are subject to immediate release at the discretion of the Warrior Training Center Bravo Company Commander.

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(4) AAC Cadre will counsel each Soldier that fails any event following its completion. AAC cadre will maintain a student evaluation packet outlining the Soldier's performance. The student evaluation packet will include all tests/retest results and 12-mile road march results. If a Soldier is released from the Air Assault Course, a copy of the student evaluation packet will be provided to the student to be given to his or her unit. The evaluation packet will recommend additional training prior to returning to the Air Assault Course.


h. Recycles.

(1) Students failing the Air Assault course at any phase will have up to six months to return and complete the course. If the student does not successfully complete the course after returning within the six-month window, he/she will have to start at Zero Day. Any student can complete the course within six months at another accredited Air Assault school if circumstances prevent them from returning to the ARNG AAC. Students must present all supporting documentation to re-enter the course within the six-month window. **Students must provide the original drop slip received during out-processing to re-enter the course. No copies will be accepted.**

6. Point of contact for the ARNG AAC is SFC Daniel Wade at commercial (706) 575-8963 or email at daniel.wade2@us.army.mil.

3 Encls

1. Annex A  
(General Instructions / Packing List)
2. Annex B  
(Fort Benning Reporting Instructions)
3. Annex C  
, (Site Map to WTC)

  
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